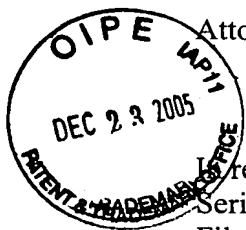


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Amendment in response to the Official Action mailed October 6, 2005 (the "Official Action").

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.